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**In this vo-
lume are**

contained the statutes
made and established
from the time of king
Henry the thirde,
vnto the first yere
of the reigne
of our most
gracious
and
victorious soue-
raigne lorde
kyng Hen-
ry the
viii.

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M^{rs} Thomas Jell me this booke 17th Aug. 1639. in the presence of Tho: Wallis, Mr James & M^{rs} Thomas Cotton

25th me 30th Sept 8

TO THE READER.



Here is nothyng so necessarpe and profitable in a common weale as good lawes whiche are establisshed, not only to let & repressse the malice of the il doers, but also to thentent that the good quiet people mought lyue in reste from spoyle and oppression. And as the srowarde wply wittes haue ben daily occupied to imagine and put in vze newe kindes of iniuries and wronges, so the soueraigne gouernours, the kynges of this realme, haue ben no lesse diligent from time to time, with all polittike industrie, to make and establishe holsome lawes for the conseruation of peace, and to withstade ravin and wronge to be done. And as at the begynninge, there were fewe dyseases of the body, and therfore neded fewe medicines: So lyke wyse at the first as well in all other as this common weale, the transgressions were but fewe, and therfore neded fewe lawes, but afterwarde as they increased, the multitude of lawes grewe. And therfore it is nowe impossible, that (as many men argue) the lawes shoulde be fewe or breue, to thende the people shoulde soone knowe, cunne, and beare thein awaye. Wherfore my counsaile is, that euery man be alway obedient vnto the lawes and ministers of the same, and endeuour him selfe to lyue well and vprightly, and neuer intende worse to his neyghbour, than he would his neighbour shuld vnto him & to lyue sobzely & temperatly, accordyng as the Gospell of Chryste teacheth and he shal not lightly offend against the lawes. But neuerthelesse soowhat to ease and helpe those as haue not tyme & leasur sufficient to rede ouer these statutes, or beare them in minde, I haue deuised a Table hereafter solowynge wherin he that diligetly marketh it, shal soye find out what that he desireth to knowe, contained within this volume. first ye shall vnderstand, that the figure or figures, solowynge the worde that ye desyre to fynde, signifieth anno, the yere. The letter next after the figure, E. H. or R. betokeneth Edward, Henry, or Richard, the figure after the letter, sheweth whiche kyng in numbze: the letter. c. after that figure signifieth capite, the chapter. the figure after that. c. betokeneth the numbze of the chaptre, as in example. Abbettour.

13. E. 1. c. 12. that is, anno. 13.

Edwardi primi, capite. 12.

and so lyke wyse
of other.



HENRICI QUARTI.

or withoute in any countie, hundred, or court within the lande of wales, of what so ever estate, but by englishmen and of the next venue, and people of good fame, and not procured, nor that the englyshe burgeses whiche haue married wallshwomen, haue fraunchises with the englyshe burgeses.

Item to eschewe many diseases and mischieues, whiche hath happened before this tyme in the land of wales, by many wassers, rimours, minstrels and other bacabonds. It is ordeined and stablished, that no master, rimour mynstrell, nor bacabonde be in any wyse susteyned in the lande of wales, to make commozthes nor gatherynge vpon the comon people there.

Item it is ordeined and stablished, that no congregacions be made nor suffred to be made by the welschmen in any place of wales, for to make or take any counsell, oneles it be for an euident and necessarie cause, and by lycence of the chiefe officers & ministers of the same seignorie, where suche thynges shall be done, and in the pzenesce of the same officers and ministers, vppon payne of imprisonment, and to make fyne and raunsom at the kynges wyll.

Item it is ordeined & stablished, that from hensforth no man be armed nor beare defensibill armour to marchaunt to towne churches nor congregacion in the same, nor in the highe wales, in affray of the peace of the kynges liege people, vppon peine of imprisonment, and make fyne and raunsom at the kynges wyll, excepte those which be laful liege people to our soueraine lord the kyng.

Item it is ordeined and stablished, that no englysh man nor wallshman of what estate or condicion that he be, send or bynge by colour of marchandise or other waye, any vitayle or armour to any partie of wales, withoute the speciall lycence of our soueraigne lord the kyng or of his counsell, oneles it be for stuffing or enstoring of castels and englyshe towne, vpon peine of forfeiture the same vittayles and armour, and that in euerye parte of the marches of wales and towne of the marches, there be englysh constables for to enquyre serche and arrest all such vitayles and armour, and the same constables for theyr trauayle shall haue the .vi. parte of suche forfeitures so by them founde.

Item it is ordeined and stablished, that no wallshman shall haue castell, fortress, nor house defensibill of his owne nor of other to kepe, otherwyse than was vsed in the tyme of kyng Edward conquerour of wales, vpon peyne of forfeiture of the same. Except byshops and other temporall lordes for theyr owne bodies.

Item it is ordeined that no wallshman be made iustice, chamberlaine, chaunceler, treasurer, sheriffe, stewart, constable of castell, receiuer, escheator, coroner, nor chiefe forester nor other officer, nor keeper of the recordes, nor lieutenante in any of the saide offices in no parte of wales, nor of the counsell of any englyshe lord, notwithstanding any patente made to the contrarie with this clause, non obstant quod sit wallicus natus, except byshops in wales, and of those and other whom the king our soueraigne lord hath founde his good and lafull liege people he wyll to be aduysed by his counsell.

Item

Wales.

Cap. xxviii.

Wales.

Rimour.

minstrel.

Ca. xxviii.

Congregatio

Wales.

Cap. xxix.

Armour.

Cap. xxx.

Witayle.

Armour.

Constable.

Cap. xxxi.

Ca. xxxii.

Wallshmen.

Wales.